Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, September 17, 2008, marks the 221st anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and,

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 – 23 as Constitution Week; and,

Whereas, It is a privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate this important milestone in the history of our country with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebration which will commemorate the occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to reaffirm the ideals put forth by the framers of the Constitution to vigilantly protect the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State